

JUDICIAL PROFILE

John R. Ditsworth was appointed to the bench in January 2001 and is currently assigned to the Family Court Department. He received his undergraduate degree in anthropology from the University of Arizona in 1974. He received his law degree in 1978 from the University of Arizona College of Law and immediately began a private practice in Tucson, Arizona. His practice focused on bankruptcy, criminal defense and domestic relations. He relocated to Phoenix in 1987 and began working for the City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office. In May of 1988, he joined the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. As a deputy county attorney he prosecuted major felony cases, specializing in cases involving homicide, sex crimes, gang offenses and repeat offenders. He also served as a trial bureau supervisor.

Judge Ditsworth's memberships include the Arizona State Bar Association, the Sandra Day O'Connor Inn of Court, the Arizona Homicide Investigator's Association and the American Society of Anthropology. He has taught college law courses as an adjunct professor at Phoenix College and Pima Community College.

